

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Resolution on the Necessity of the Local Church

WHEREAS many professing American Christians question the value of the local church, no longer see the necessity of attending a local church, and have forsaken membership and service in the local church; and

WHEREAS the local church is not of any man's creation, but finds its origin in the promise of Jesus Christ, who is the Founder, Owner, and Builder of the Church (Matthew 16:18); and

WHEREAS the multiplication of local churches is the natural outcome of fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS much of the New Testament is written to local churches concerning their organization, leadership, membership, ministries, and even difficulties (Galatians 1:1-2; Philippians 1:1-2); and

WHEREAS God's people are encouraged not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, as some have, but to provoke one another to good works, and to exhort one another (Hebrews 10:24-25);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our Spring Conference at Grace Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, April 2-4, 2009, commit ourselves to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ in local church attendance, membership, and service; and

That we exhort other Christians to faithfulness in local church attendance, membership, and service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon sharing faith in Jesus Christ with others, we encourage them to attend the local church with us where they will be baptized and taught to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ through the local church.